

and some time elapsed before he took *any* part in events which subsequently had so great an influence on his fate.<sup>1</sup>

Godoy reigned in Spain under the name of the imbecile Charles IV.- lit; was an object of execration to all who were not his creatures; and even those whose fate depended upon him viewed him with the most profound contempt. The hatred of a people is almost always the just reward of favorites. What sentiments, therefore, must have, been inspired by a man who, to the knowledge of all Spain, owed the favor of the king; only to the favors of the queen ! (Godoy's ascendancy over the royal family was boundless; his power was absolute: the treasures of America were at his command, and he made the most infamous use of them. In short, he had made the Court of Madrid one of those, places to which the indignant muse of Juvenal conducts the mother of Britannicus. There, is no doubt that (Godoy was one of the principal causes of all the misfortunes which have overwhelmed Spain under so many various forms.

The hatred of the Spaniards against the Prince of the Peace was general. This hatred was shared by the Prince of the Asturias, who openly declared himself the enemy of <<odoy. The latter allied himself with France, from which he hoped to obtain powerful protection against his enemies. This alliance gave rise to threat dissatisfaction in Spain, and caused France, to be regarded with an unfavorable eye. The

<sup>1</sup> Metternseh (tnme ii. p. 'j'tfo |»uN much of tlio blame of the Spanish affair on the shoulders of Napoleon's advisers: ..... " [Unided by his o\vn insatiable ambit ion, encouraged by tin\*, periidinus advice of Murat, who nimed at nothing lrs than tilling the throne of Spain and of tin- Indies, all hi.H meswures were directed to \*me mil. Misguided by Urn agents of tin\* I'rine of the Pence, he believed the expulsion of the l'onrhous <\*asy." In consi<l<r-iiji i this ri'f'iTiMHM\* to Mural, Mi'tt<\*rnirh's tufiuiust rrlation wlt> C'arolina Hnnaliart<\* tin\* wifit' of Muraf, must IM> r'tncinbrroi! To M<«<ttnnii<ih him-self Napoh'ofj in An^iust, I. SON. explaiinct his fnti(i>n\*t as din-rfd nohdy by a wish for siM'irity. After alhidit^r {<«> th<«> iu<«rra>» of the Spainist army \*Na'po-le«>n U(»nton: \*A And then the throne waHocfufufij by flourhons; they ar<^ my personal enemies. They and I <«aim<»f occupy throne.H at the Hanu^time in Kuropu. . . . I mtt^l hafe <«>n the ihiroije of Spain a l'rine.e vld\$ vvonh have no anxiety on my account, and who on his sidt n'jvns me. none; tho ittferesth of Spain, even u| AnM'rii\*a, demand it '" (l'if'ttt'nnii'h, tt>nui it, up. •J.VJ

- Mannel fjo-doy, originally a i»rivat« in the Kimrds, became th« paramour of ('htrrh'H IV.'K tjfu'«\*ij; thru ;& KriiiniMt; and then the miprcmo ruler of the State. — /Kditur (>f 1H,"»<> i tiitunt.